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DATE: March 15, 2002

TO: The Commission
Todd A. Stevenson, Secretary

FROM: Stephen Lemberg, Acting General Counsel *SL*
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SUBJECT: Draft *Federal Register* Notice Requesting Comment on Petition CP 02-2
Requesting Performance Standards for Auxiliary Hazard Lighting Systems for
Snowmobiles

Ballot Vote Due: APR 22, 2002

The Office of the General Counsel has docketed, as a petition for rulemaking under the Consumer Product Safety Act (CPSA) (Petition No. CP 02-2), a request from Snow Glow® Inc. that the Commission issue a rule prescribing performance standards for auxiliary hazard lighting systems for snowmobiles. The petitioner asserts that snowmobiles not equipped with such systems pose an increased risk of collision between snowmobiles and serious injury or death to the operator of either snowmobile involved.

In accordance with Commission Directive 0605.0 on procedures for petitions, the Office of the General Counsel has prepared the attached draft notice that, if approved by the Commission, would invite written comments on the petition from interested parties for a period of sixty (60) days from the date of publication of the notice in the *Federal Register*. The Office of Hazard Identification and Reduction recommends that the Commission seek public comment on the petition (Option I)

Please indicate your vote on the following options.

I. Approve the *Federal Register* notice as drafted.

(Signature)

(Date)

II. Approve the draft *Federal Register* notice with the following changes (please specify).

(Signature)

(Date)

III. Do not publish a *Federal Register* seeking comment on this petition.

(Signature)

(Date)

Attachment - Draft *Federal Register* notice

CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION

**Petition Requesting Performance Standards for Auxiliary
Hazard Lighting Systems for Snowmobiles**

AGENCY: Consumer Product Safety Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Commission has received a petition (CP 02-2) requesting that the Commission issue performance standards for auxiliary hazard lighting systems for snowmobiles. The Commission solicits written comments concerning the petition.

DATES: The Office of the Secretary must receive comments on the petition by [insert date 60 days after publication in the **Federal Register**].

ADDRESSES: Comments on the petition, preferably in five copies, should be mailed to the Office of the Secretary, Consumer Product Safety Commission, Washington, DC 20207, telephone (301) 504-0800, or delivered to the Office of the Secretary, Room 501, 4330 East-West Highway, Bethesda, Maryland 20814. Comments may also be filed by facsimile to (301) 504-0127 or by email to cpsc-os@cpsc.gov. Comments should be captioned "Petition CP 02-2, Petition for Performance Standards for Auxiliary Hazard Lighting Systems for Snowmobiles." A copy of the petition is available for inspection at the Commission's Public Reading Room, Room 419, 4330 East-West Highway, Bethesda, Maryland.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Rockelle Hammond, Office of the Secretary, Consumer Product Safety Commission, Washington, D.C. 20207; telephone (301) 504-0800, ext. 1232.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Commission has received correspondence from Snow Glow® Inc. requesting that the Commission issue a rule prescribing performance standards for auxiliary hazard lighting systems on snowmobiles. The petitioner asserts that snowmobiles without such auxiliary hazard lighting systems pose an increased risk of collision between snowmobiles and serious injury or death to the operator of either snowmobile involved.

The petitioner maintains that auxiliary hazard lighting systems to reduce or eliminate this risk must exhibit the following characteristics: 1) have an energy power source separate from the main power source of the snowmobile; 2) operate for a minimum of 40 hours at 0 degrees Fahrenheit and function in temperatures of minus 30 degrees Fahrenheit or colder; 3) have an on-off switch that is separate from the main electrical system; 4) emit yellow light from the front of the snowmobile and red from the rear; and 4) have a flashing display visible in unobstructed darkness from at least one half mile distance, from the front and rear of the snowmobile

The Commission is docketing the correspondence as a petition under provisions of the Consumer Product Safety Act (CPSA), 15 U.S.C. 2051-2084.

Interested parties may obtain a copy of the petition by writing or calling the Office of the Secretary, Consumer Product Safety Commission, Washington, DC 20207; telephone (301) 504-0800. A copy of the petition is also available for inspection from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, in the Commission's Public Reading Room, Room 419, 4330 East-West Highway, Bethesda, Maryland.

Dated:

Todd A. Stevenson, Secretary
Consumer Product Safety Commission